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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Rader's Service to the China Mail.)

### SOVIET RUSSIA STANDS FAST

BUT IS ANXIOUS TO TRADE WITH US.

COPENHAGEN, December 4.  
The conference between Mr. O'Grady and Mr. Litvinoff continues today. Mr. O'Grady having received the instructions of the British Government, Mr. Litvinoff made a lengthy statement to Reuters, reiterating that the Bolsheviks desire peace, and have anxiety to enter into economic relations with Britain and America. He opined that the problem of the exchange of prisoners is insoluble without peace. He said he had circulated the allied legations at Stockholm offering peace. He declared there was no intention of departing from the Soviet system nor of convoking the national assembly.

### RESTRICTED BUSINESS AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, December 4.  
Owing to a coal shortage of suburban trains, which have been halved, the department stores are closed twice weekly, and the theatres once. Business generally is limited to four and a half hours daily.

### MACKENSEN HOME AGAIN.

BERLIN, December 4.  
Mackensen has arrived and was popularly acclaimed. He was received with military honours by Falkenhayn, Ludendorff, and the War Ministry representative at the station.

### CHINESE MAY BE OBTAINED.

ENCYCLICAL BY THE POPE.

ROME, December 4.  
The Pope has published an encyclical recommending the ordination of native clergy and the creation of native seminaries in Catholic mission centres; also urging missionaries to abstain from racial and national struggles. The encyclical further recommends the study of colonial sciences and native languages, for which special professors will be appointed to Rome institutions.

### A LLOYD GEORGE SPEECH.

LONDON, December 7.  
[The first section of this message is not yet to hand.]  
utter a word in unkindness against him. Party strife in America had resulted in jeopardising the peace and endangering the League of Nations in the country which took the most prominent part in promoting it. He asked wasn't this a warning that we were not through the wood? Germany thought she would be able to take advantage of these differences in America. The Premier declared he was still a Free Trader. Proceeding, he outlined the legislation passed by the Coalition as evidence of what the so-called reactionary government had done for progress. He hoped yet to make a successful contribution to the Irish question. He pointed out that the Unionists were prepared to make great sacrifices in order to preserve national unity. It was useless to discuss problems of Irish liberty when crime and anarchy were still rampant. He denied that Free Trade was inseparable from "dumping," which, on the contrary, injured Free Trade. The government had been asked to divide the nation in the face of a vigilant enemy, in order to unite the Liberals on the question of German "dumping."

### GERMAN REPLY TO ALLIED NOTE.

DENIES TOO MANY SOLDIERS.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.  
The Allied note with reference to armaments demands the cessation of the formation of bodies outside the actual army, like the public security police, the volunteer guard, and the citizens' guard, as a violation of the peace treaty. The note particularly demands that steps be taken to ensure that when the treaty comes into force the so-called police troops will be reduced to the strength provided in the treaty and given the constitution of a real local police force. A semi-official German statement on the note asserts that the reduction of the army to the stipulated 200,000 is in full swing, and declares the Allies were notified months ago of the necessity for forming the aforementioned defence guards to maintain order. It regrets that questions of detail were not discussed by the Allies as Germany suggested. It concludes that the question how far they conflict with the treaty, which the German government denies, must be cleared up after the control commissions provided for by the treaty are established.

### SPORTS.

#### ORIENT.

C.S.C.C. 2nd v. R.G.A.

To be played on Civil Service ground on Saturday next, commencing 2.15 p.m. Team:—W. Hill (capt.), R. T. Taylor, S. E. Alderman, E. T. E. T. Crocker, H. E. Strange, G. H. Haskett, H. W. Sandford, D. Lyon, R. Bearne, A. K. Mackenzie and G. P. Knight.

#### L.R.C. v. C.R.C.

The following will represent the L.R.C. in their league match against the C.R.C. playing at home on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—A. H. Rumjahn (Captain), G. C. Earle, N. M. Bux, A. el Arcall, D. Rumjahn, A. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, E. A. Moosdeen, and M. B. Sumad.

### POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

A Chinese woman who was this morning charged before Mr. Wood with the possession of 6½ taels of non-Government opium, pleaded that it was given her by an unknown man to carry. She could not find him. The Police said the woman was searched on the Hau Tak wharf by the female searcher at 6 p.m., yesterday and the opium was found tied round her waist. Sentence of \$500 fine or 3 months' hard labour was passed.

### ROBBED AFTER ARRIVAL.

While returning home in a chair after his arrival from Canton at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, Mr. Yang Kan Chau, living at No. 15 Seymour Terrace, was robbed of his handbag and money to the total value of \$112.20. He reported to the Police that when he was going up Blake Gardens in a chair, two men appeared and ordered the chair coolies to lower the chair. His handbag was then laid hold of and \$122.20 was taken. The men disappeared.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Rader's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE TRIAL OF THE EX-KAISER.

LONDON, December 4th.  
The Attorney-General, speaking at Pontypridd, declared that no dissensions or wavering existed as regards the proposed trial of the ex-Kaiser. The law officers continued very careful and extensive preparations. Over 50,000 written statements regarding the prosecution of war criminals were being examined.

### GENERAL VILLA CAPTURED.

NEW YORK, December 4th.  
The Associated Press has received a telegram from Juarez that General Villa has been captured by a force of his own men, who are holding him for reward.

### GERMANY.

BERLIN, December 4th.  
In the Assembly, Herr Erzberger explained the financial programme under which it is projected to levy income tax on a sliding scale of from 10 to 60 per cent., a tax on capital revenues of 10 per cent., and a general levy yielding \$15,000,000 marks.

### EXCHANGE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 4th.  
There was another violent break in exchange, starting and prices falling to fresh low levels. Lira also declined. Business in sterling has been enormous. Numerous transactions have been made each of \$100,000.

### LONDON TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, December 4th.  
A Martinsyde machine piloted by Capt. Howell left Hounslow for Australia at ten this morning, for the prize of \$10,000 offered by the Commonwealth Government.

### RUMANIA.

PARIS, December 4th.  
The Supreme Council has granted Rumania six days' prolongation to reply to the Allied Note.

### LAST OF THE BAZAAR.

The Bazaar Committee of the 50 acknowledge with thanks the following further donations and prizes towards the Bazaar held last Sunday:—  
Mr. H. Tsuda, \$20.  
Mr. E. Ralphs, \$10.  
Dr. Gomes, \$100.  
Mr. Choy Hing, \$15.  
Pupils of St. Joseph's College, \$20.  
Mr. L. Tobias, \$50.  
Mr. Ishmael Chan, gramophone records.  
Miss Wildin, Jardinieres, etc.  
Taikoo Sugar Refinery, Cube sugar.  
China Sugar Refinery, Cube sugar.  
Hing Wah Paste Co., noodles, macaroni, etc.  
Hongkong Cigar Store, cigars.  
Misses Osmund, parcel of assorted articles.  
Hop Cheong, blackwood frames, small teakwood bed, chairs, etc.  
Mrs. Purves, six plum puddings.  
Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., assortment of toys, etc.  
Miss L. Remedios, 1 cradle, 1 perambulator, 8 dressed dolls.  
Cheung Hing Store, 3 ornaments.  
Sun Co., toys.  
Sincere Co., toys.  
Gande Price & Co., 1 case whisky.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Noronha, various valuable articles.  
Messrs. Wiseman & Co., cakes for tea room.  
Victoria Cafe, cakes for tea room.  
Alexandra Cafe, cakes for tea room.  
Dairy Farm, milk for tea room.  
Mrs. Jordan desires to thank M. de Journal, M. Reau, Mrs. Clarke, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Dr. Koch, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Jenkin for kind donations; also Mme. Lily for a bead bag to be raffled, and Mme. Flint for cakes for the tea room.

### A LESSON FROM HISTORY.

"Water-drinking races have been, and still are, under the rule of harder drinking and more energetic races," says Mr. Andre L. Simon, in his connoisseur's text book, "Wine and Spirits." His review of the past is that "Times out of mind kings or prophets have decreed that the vine should be uprooted and wine forsaken; only twice have such orders been carried out, once in the seventh century at the bidding of Mahomed, and another time in the fourteenth century in China. In each case the result has been the same." In China, once an immense and flourishing vineyard, the home of refinement and of all the arts, the people, deprived of alcohol, sought a substitute; poppy fields replaced the vineyards, and opium killed the artistic genius, the lively imagination, and unparalleled industry of a race which, under the gentle influence of wine, had attained a high degree of civilisation at a very early date.

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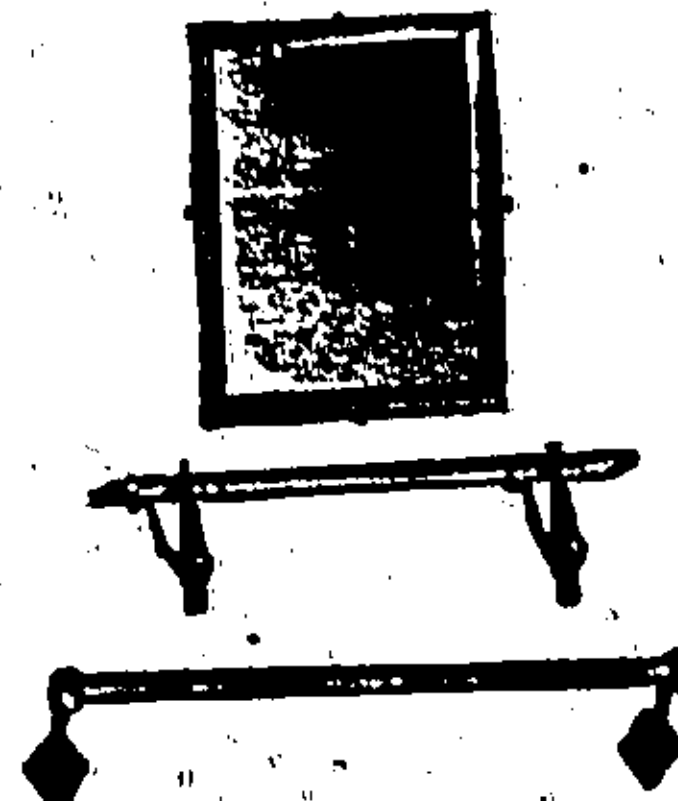
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THE DISCOVERY OF A PETROL 30 MILES FOR 5D.

A discovery which, if further tests prove it to possess the properties claimed for it, will be one of overwhelming importance, was laid before several Nottingham gentlemen. The article in question is a new motor fuel, produced by mixing a mysterious compound with water. What that compound is remains at present the secret of the discoverer, a South American chemist named Andrade, of Portuguese extraction; but while it is in no sense resembles petrol, it is much more powerful, and, so the discoverer avers, can be produced at one-seventh of the price now demanded for petrol in this country.

A Nottingham Guardian reporter (the only Press representative) was present at the test which took place at the residence of Alderman Ball, father of the late Captain Albert Ball, V.C. the aviator, in The Park. Several gentlemen were present, including two Nottingham experts in motor engineering and industrial chemistry.

The inventor, who motored to Nottingham, carried with him a black kit bag containing bottles and cans, and with them he retired a few yards into a corner of Mr. Ball's lawn, but remaining within full view of the spectators. First, however, Mr. Ball's chauffeur took him a bucket half filled with water, and applied a match; it burst with a high, clear, bright flame for some minutes, and without any smoke. Some, which was next poured into a tin dish; burnt in the same way, and left not the minutest sediment.

An adjournment was then made to the garage, for the more important part of the test. First, Mr. Ball's chauffeur emptied the petrol tank and carburettor of Mr. Ball's own car, and wiped them absolutely dry. Under the direction of Andrade, who now confined himself to the role of looker-on, he poured the liquid from the bucket into the petrol tank, added a quantity of water, and Mr. Ball, accompanied by one or two of the party, went for a trial spin. The car travelled beautifully, and—fortunately there was no policeman in sight—there seemed no limit to its speed power.

A previous test has shown, it is

## JAPANESE IN CHINA.

The following letter was in the Star. With the continued interference by the Japanese in the rights of the Chinese in the latter's own country, I am concerned at what appears to be lassitude of interest shown by the foreigners in this question.

You receive many letters dealing with all sorts of lesser questions, but I see not one upon what is a most serious matter, and if allowed to continue without protest and possibly interference, may lead to grave complications for the white foreigners in China, apart from the future menace to their trade and freedom.

Which European nation, in days before the great war, would have dared to land armed marines in a foreign state even though two persons had been unfortunately killed?

What other country would have attempted to land an armed force under circumstances similar to those at Foochow?

Where is the so-called protection of the weaker nations by the greater since the League, (which was to bring the millennium) has been formed?

Let this be an appeal to all other foreigners in China to remain very wide awake to the fact, that matters in connection with the Japanese in this country are arriving at a serious stage.

In silence I believe that most of the white people in China view with distrust and repugnance the actions of the Japanese, and it is surely the proper time publicly to denounce and protest against her encroachments against the open door and many other good policies.

Whilst posing as a friend, in her behaviour towards the Chinese, she should act as one.

said by those—says the Guardian representative—who participated, that from thirty to forty miles can be run on a gallon of the mixture, and that this can be made for 5d. a gallon.

The discoverer, who speaks rather broken English, with an American accent, is accompanied by two of three Americans, one of whom, a lawyer, he has brought with him to watch his legal interests on this side, but no one except himself knows the composition of the stuff, which he expects will revolutionise all forms of spirit-propelled transport.

Incidentally, says the Nottingham Guardian it may be wondered why, if the process is so valuable, it should have been brought to England instead of being exploited in America.

## OPENED LETTER

MINISTRY RULE  
POYNONE.

In the Times personal column recently appeared the following announcement:—  
 Wing-Commander Ranken desires to inform his correspondents that their letters to him at this office are being opened under a M. of M. Order, and the addition of the words Private, Personal, or the act of sealing or registration is not necessarily a protection.

He will be glad to receive letters at his private address.

Interviewed on the above matter by a Daily Chronicle representative, the assistant secretary of the Ministry of Munitions said:—Under an official standing order, dated May 8 1919, all correspondence addressed to an officer is opened in the registry, unless the envelope is marked "Personal." As there are about 10,000 persons employed in the Ministry, it is, of course, quite possible that by inadvertence specially marked letters may be opened. There is certainly no Ministry of Munitions order that such letters shall be opened. In the ordinary course they are sent, unopened, to the person addressed.

## WOULD IT PAY?

A gentleman whose business interests are in the Dutch East Indies says he is rather disappointed to find in Sheffield and Birmingham a general indifference to the demand which exists in the East for the cheap class of wares that the Germans used to manufacture in bulk.

He tells us, for instance, that he could not find a single manufacturer who was willing to undertake the mass production of the "little mirror box" for which there is an inexhaustible demand among the natives. Germany used to pour this kind of goods in thousands into the Eastern markets, and did very well out of it. This may or may not be indicative of a belief among our manufacturers that they should confine their activities to providing the better class of article, leaving the Germans to this cheap manufacture; but it is clear that they can never have a more promising opportunity of capturing this trade. Our informant, who has just completed a tour of the industrial north, was particularly pleased with the fact that most of the manufacturers with whom he came into contact were eager to allocate a portion of their output to the overseas markets.—Times Trade Supp.

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December 11 and 12, 1919, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, respectively, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.,  
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Terms of Sale:—As detailed on Catalogue.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.  
Hongkong, December 4, 1919.

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**SATURDAY,**  
December 13, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,  
A varied assortment of Articles  
suitable for Xmas presents  
comprising—  
Brass Flower Pots and stands, Brass Jardinières and Vases, Prismatic Glasses and Binoculars, Leather Felted Valises and Suit Cases, Wardrobe Trunk, Embroidered Bedspreads and Table Covers,  
Also  
**SUNDAY**  
Sporting Goods and Xmas Toys,  
Comprising—Boys' Baseball Bats and Balls, Footballs, Cricket Sets, Croquet Sets, Lawn Tennis Poles and nets, and  
A varied assortment of Xmas Toys.  
On view day of sale.  
Terms:—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, December 6, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned), on  
**SATURDAY,**  
the 13th inst. at 12 noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

Motor Yacht "IRENE" (Baby Empress) built 1915, recently thoroughly overhauled, painted and varnished, Length 35 feet, Beam 7 feet, Draft 3 feet, Motor "Scorpio" heavy duty 14 H.P. Cabin enlarged to seat 6 passengers, Lavatory, Ice box, Electric light, &c., &c. including extra large Battery for Electric light, 2 sets Steering gear, Engine room Telegraph, lamps, 2 new awnings, sails, electric horn, ventilators, lifebuoy, tanks, &c., &c. For further particulars apply to the Undersigned.

On view day of sale off Statue Pier or by arrangement with the Undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, December 9, 1919.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of December, 1919, at 9 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Condell Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Title.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing	Area	Approximate Value.
1.	Lot 1, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
2.	Lot 2, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
3.	Lot 3, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
4.	Lot 4, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
5.	Lot 5, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
6.	Lot 6, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
7.	Lot 7, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
8.	Lot 8, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
9.	Lot 9, Condell Road.	100' 0" x 100' 0"	1.00	1.00	1.00
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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

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**THURSDAY,**

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Valuable Chinese Porcelains,

Curtains, &c., &c.

Including a large variety of 5-coloured and 3-coloured Vases, Wall Plates, Table Screens, Blue and White Vases, and Incense Burners, Old Bronze and Brass Figures, Vases, &c., Rakemonos, Lacquered Ware, Ivory, Agate and Crystal Ornaments.

The above stocks recently arrived from Peking and include pieces from the Ming, Kungbi, Kungbi, Kienling and Tzu-chung Periods. The bulk of which will be sold without reserve.

(Full-Particulars from Catalogue).

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**HUGHES & HOUGH,**

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Hongkong, December 6, 1919.

## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—At their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

A 16 Bore Hammer Gun in good condition, in soft leather case.

This gun is eminently suitable for use in Indo-China or North China as it is fitted with interchangeable barrels, and can be used for either birds or big game.

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## NOTICES.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL 1920.

PRACTICE DANCES for the above BALL will take place at the CITY HALL, on the 23rd and 30th December from 5 to 7 p.m.

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## HONGKONG POLICE.

THE HONGKONG POLICE VICTORY BALL will be held at the CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, 17th December, 1919. Dancing to commence at 9 p.m.

WM. HENDERSON, Sgt.,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Central Police Station.  
Hongkong, November 24, 1919.

## NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICES of the above Company have this day been removed to No. 3, Queen's Buildings, (Chater Road).  
Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Q.M.S. C. E. LINTOTT, R.E.

ANY person or persons having any claim or claims against the aforementioned estate are requested to present them before December 31, 1919 to Sergt. Major H. J. LODGE, R.A.M.C., Headquarters' Office.

## INTIMATIONS

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## REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

IN Order to enable the Contractors to complete the work in connection with the above Hotel at the earliest possible date without interruption, and in order to avoid all possibility of damage to the Flooring, Tiles, Paint, Work, etc. The public are requested to kindly abstain from visiting the Hotel as on and from this date until its completion and formal opening on which due Notice will be given by advertisement in the local newspapers.

The Management of the Hotel feel sure that they may rely upon the ready co-operation of the public in the foregoing regard.

Dated this Sixth day of November, 1919.

For the HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

PROPRIETORS OF THE

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

J. H. TAGGART,  
Manager.

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Chairman: His Honour Sir W. REES DAVIES.

Referee: H. J. GEORGE, Esq., and W. LOGAN, Esq.

## TOURNAMENT.

CITY HALL, SATURDAY,

DECEMBER, 13TH, 1919.

AT 9.15 P.M.

1.—Fifteen-round Contest for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony.

Between Sergt. SKY KERRISON, R.N.Y.P. (Holder),

and Stoker EDIE WALTERS, H.M.S. Hawkins (Challenger).

2.—Ten-round Middleweight Contest.

Between "PEGGY" EVANS, H.M.S. Hawkins (ex-Middleweight Champion of Mediterranean and Seaman HEWLETT, H.M.S. Scylla).

3.—Eight-round Featherweight Contest.

Between Stoker NEAL, Kowloon Torpedo Depot,

and Officer's Steward DANIEL, H.M.S. Ambrose.

4.—Six-round Flyweight Contest.

Between Boy FLUSH, H.M.S. Hawkins,

and Boy COLES, H.M.S. Hawkins.

5.—Six-round Middleweight Contest.

Between Sergeant ROGERS, Wiltshire Regiment,

and Seaman WILLOUGHBY, H.M.S. Hawkins.

6.—Six-round Lightweight Contest.

Between Private WOODWARD, Wiltshire Regiment,

and Seaman O'SHEA, H.M.S. Scylla.

Admission.

Reserved Seats: Ring Side \$5

Stalls \$3

Unreserved Seats: \$2 and \$1.

Men of the Naval and Military Forces in uniform admitted to Unreserved Seats at Half-price.

Booking at Moutrie's on and from Wednesday, Dec. 10th.

DOORS OPEN AT 8.30 P.M.

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All Sorts of Games to select from.

### The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10, 1919.

#### ADVERSARIA.

"They told us the war was fought to make the world safe for democracy. Hong Kong isn't safe yet, and though you might not think it, it is part of the world. When the new police began their agitation for higher pay, and showed that they had a genuine case, we understand they were told that if they didn't like the terms they could go home again; that 'the Government' does not want discontented men in its service. Even a bluffing promise to investigate would have seemed more democratic than that. If 'the Government' doesn't want discontented men in its service, and if it thinks the proper answer to the first show of discontent is to tell the higher-up Civil Servants to go home when they agitated. It didn't, you know. It appointed a Commission of Enquiry, and later on Councillor Shewan was quite eloquent about their claims. We look to him to say something strong about this police grievance at the next Legislative Council meeting. Both police and cadets are government servants, and both are discontented for like reasons. What is good for one should do for the other."

A young lady was interviewed by a London journalist about jazz dancing, modern clothes and manners, etc. It makes good reading. Her most interesting comment was about the modern skimpiness of feminine attire. She said: "That's what modern clothes represent—vigorously bodies enjoying a sense of freedom. Why can't people realize it's that, and not a craze for immodesty? Immodesty—stuffs! Girls, on the whole, don't trouble their heads about it. They're in advance of men there. If men would not worry about what they call decency, nobody would notice." She was quite right there. Men are much more prudish and prurient. They don't

know it, but the basis of their prejudice is the jealousy that is left over from the old proprietorial instinct. It isn't concern for decency, as they think, but the desire for the seclusion of the harem. T.W.H. Crosland, who got notoriety some years ago by two slight books abusing the Scots and women, remarked that woman should be kept in a hutch at the bottom of the garden. He may have thought he had said something funny. As a matter of fact he was unconsciously voicing the deep-down aspiration of many old-fashioned males.

We gave up golf years ago, when it became too common. (Our record at the Royal Jersey, Vardon's native links, must be still remembered. We went the complete round, including the sandpit near the railway, in 74.321, a greater number of strokes than any other player ever managed to get in. Our caddie, Valpe, said so.) Consequently we don't profess to know more about it than Mr. Dodwell. All the same, when in his lecture he was describing the swing, what did he mean by saying that 'the axis around which this circle revolves is an imaginary steel bar driven through your head and body transfixing you to the ground as you address the ball'? Does he swing his club horizontally like a scythe? If not, how can a horizontal steel bar go down through his head and body into the ground? As Goethe said in his death bed, we want "licht, mehr licht!"

There are two quite probable reasons for Capt. McGrath's continued failure to send us any Government House news (Court Circular stuff). One is that there isn't any to send. The other is that every time we go for him he chuckles and buys twenty copies of a newspaper. When we said the other day that the British love liberty, while the Americans only praise it, that was a "josh." We did think we

weren't safe with Americans, who know what a "josh" is. But one lost his temper. Our own countrymen, we are ashamed to say, continually get "sore" over things they should smile at. If they cannot acquire a sense of humour they should try for a thicker skin. We remember nearly 30 years ago noticing in Volunteer Orders an instruction to be shaved and have the hair cut. That was the time when the current catchword fitted, and we couldn't resist the temptation to give it the headline, "Get yer hair cut." The Captain was furious, and gave orders (all same Government House news) that the Orders must not be issued to our paper any more. Naturally, in our next issue we had to have the related phrase, "Keep your hair on." Paternal vanity has always persuaded us that was neat; but it aggravated the soreness. We were a parish for years because of it. We simply cannot understand why men lose their tempers over such piff-puffs. The persons ought to preach about it; but they don't. They seem to leave all the practical sermons for us to do.

Hongkong may have kept the Home fires burning, but the coal is poor, and the darningthing smokes. Those who risked their lives for us, and who are now back in our midst, have learned the truth of Kipling's old jibe—that about darling Mister Atkins when the guns began to shoot, and Tommy, you brute, when the shooting is over. So far beyond a gracious invitation to a Government House reception at which they were kindly allowed to wear any clothes they liked, not a thing has been done to show them we are obliged to them. At one club we are connected with, we proposed that members returned from the war should be made honorary members for life. It would have been a small, cheap compliment; but Lord! you should have seen the faces of the committee. They were old Hongkongites—which means everything ungrateful and thoughtless. Well, the next time there's a strife on these fellows will be justified in letting George do it, that's all. If it is any consolation to our Hongkong warriors, they are welcome to the information that some of their comrades at Home had even worse to bear. They have lost their jobs, and nobody wants them.

Readers have now got THIS BEATS the habit of sending us little odds and ends they think we ought to comment on. Sometimes they send a book, sometimes a paper clipping, sometimes a short memorandum of some incident they have noticed. Naturally, we approve of this procedure. It helps, and we are much obliged. Sometimes, however, we fail to see the joke. One sends us today a quotation from the *Morn. Post* and expects us to "say something funny" about it. Our contemporary has a telegram which says, of war devastated France, that "sixty thousand of the 50,000 houses wrecked by shell-fire have been rebuilt." But that is only a simple, obvious misprint such as occurs in all newspaper offices from time to time. It betrays no intellectual aberration demanding criticism; and it isn't funny. At least, if it is, we cannot see it.

The public will be pleased if our reporter's news is true, that the Government is now prepared to meet the policemen in the matter of pay. Naturally, they will be reluctant to admit that they were wrong in their first attitude, and it would be agonising for them to have to say that the *China Mail* was right, so we will not embarrass them by saying any more about it. We don't want those 26 good men to go home. We need them here, and we need them badly.

#### KINEMA NOTES.

##### HONGKONG THEATRE.

The new programme for this week has just been issued in which the Vitaphone Coy present the thrilling drama "The Combat" in five parts featuring the popular actress Anita Stewart. The incidents in this drama are such that will keep the audience in continued expectations and interest. This film will be screened this afternoon at 5.15 and at 9.15 at night and will run on till next Friday, when William Fox's production "The Slave" in five parts will be staged on Saturday till Tuesday next. In this magnificent play Miss Valeria Surat takes the leading part with exceptionally dramatic impersonification of high class acting. During all the performances at 7.15 p.m., the continuation of the subsequent episodes of the serial film "Brass Bullet" will be given with new comics at intervals.

#### THE SINNER WHO BECAME SAINT AND THE SAINT WHO BECAME A SINNER

Spend your Evenings at "WALLA WALLA" Lounge.

#### SPECIAL CABLES.

##### RUSSIAN REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI.

##### A CALL FOR CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

[China Mail Special.]  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.  
A Shanghai residents meeting has been arranged for December 17 to discuss ways and means of helping the Russian refugees stranded in Shanghai. An international committee will probably result.

##### THE BOYCOTT.

[China Mail Special.]  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.  
The students on Monday paraded in the Chinese city with effigies representing the chairmen of the Shanghai and Nantao Chambers of Commerce. They were insulting inscriptions. The boycott is hitting Japanese river shipping very seriously.

##### LONG DISTANCE AVIATION.

[China Mail Special.]  
SINGAPORE, Dec. 9.  
Capt. Ross Smith left Soerabaya yesterday for Bima. Thence he flies direct to Australia.

##### CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tai Yai Po.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.  
The Peking Chamber of Commerce is taking stock of Japanese goods held, with a view to pushing the boycott.

All the tuchuns have wired in urging a strong front regarding the Foochow outrage. Nanking had a mass meeting on December 8, which passed similar resolutions to those at Peking. They also had bonfires of Japanese goods.

The idea is mooted that the untried being so united over the Foochow affair, peace between North and South should now be easily made.

##### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 24d.

The North China Insurance Company has removed to No. 3 Queen's Buildings.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows two cases of diphtheria, three of enteric (British) and one of c. s. fever.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals—Mr. Ho Ngok Lau, \$25.

Inspector Earner, accompanied by a party of detectives, raided two fishing junks at Samshipo on Monday afternoon and seized 1,033 pounds of gun cotton. Two men who were on the boat, were arrested.

Counsel occupied quite a fair amount of the Shanghai Court's time arguing over the mathematics of a claim involving the computation of interest, and eventually the Court gave judgment for a certain sum. "May I ask how the Court arrives at that amount?" queried the advocate. "Grey matter, Mr. —, sheer grey matter," was the Assessor's response.

The Rev. Father O'Donnell, the Australian chaplain, arrested in Ireland on charges of having used seditious language, spent only one night in the Tower, where he was taken after being brought to London, and when the mail left it had not yet been decided whether a court martial would be held. The Australian military authorities point out that the Tower is a normal place of confinement for officers under arrest in London.

Mrs. Louisa Scott Harman, one of the oldest American residents in Japan, died on November 28 at Yokohama at the age of 86. She went out to Yokohama first in 1874 with her husband, a business man. In 1879 she left Yokohama for Hong Kong where she remained for 11 years, returning to Yokohama in 1890 and remaining there ever since. She was the widow of Dudley Harman, a resident of Schenectady, who died in Yokohama in 1891.

Describing the famous Trappist colony in the Hokkaido, a writer in the "Osaka Asahi" notes that it is situated in the district of Kamikyo, and is conducted under rigid rules. The Trappists rise every morning at 2 o'clock, and are engaged in their devotions until six, when they break with the rise of the sun, they sall forth to the fields where they engage in tending their cattle, sheep, etc. Politeness, perseverance, and courage are the watchwords of this religious industrial community. The Trappists first settled there in 1896, and are famous for their cheese and butter, over a hundred thousand pounds of which are produced yearly. The colony includes Japanese priests, and French, Dutch, Italian and American Trappist monks are in residence.

#### KOWLOON COMMENTS.

##### [By THE KOWLOONIAN.]

Messrs D. Nicoll and A. Davidson beat Messrs G. Gerrard and W. J. Edwards in the semi-final of the "Owen's Cup" on Sunday, three and two. The winners now have to meet Messrs A. O. Brown and G. H. May, in the final.

Worshipful Brother A. E. W. Davidson was installed Master of Lodge St. John, Kowloon, last evening. Worshipful Brother A. K. Taylor, I.P.M., officiating. A banquet was held at the Hongkong Hotel after the installation.

A snake, three feet long, was killed on Nathan Road, on Sunday. It was described as being of a harmless variety.

The enthusiasm for the game some golfers have who are lucky enough to be able to spend week-ends at Fanling, is by no means equalled by the politeness. When the last train in, was about to leave on Sunday evening, two Kowloon ladies were told that there was no room. On boarding the train however, they found several seats taken up by golf bags and one passenger's sporting dog reclined on seating space sufficient for two mere human beings. The owners of bags and dog had to be asked before they condescended to make room for the ladies.

Another example of the need for a public hall in Kowloon was provided at the Kowloon British School "social" at St. Andrew's Church Hall, last week. The pleasure of the function was greatly marred by lack of room.

Mr. W. L. Weaver showed that he has by no means lost his prowess as a batsman, in the match between K.C.C. 2nd XI and Civil Service 2nd XI, on Saturday. He had not been in the field since January 1917, but he showed very good enough for the first XI.

Meg and Max are still going strong.

We understand that in view of the terrible catastrophes that are to occur on December 17, anticipating a stoppage of the ferries, a large number of Kowloonites have booked rooms on the Hongkong side for the night of the 15-17 so as to ensure being at work next day.

Nearly all Kowloon is against the building of a hotel by the Government as a means of solving the housing problem. Important matters to be discussed at the meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

In the meantime, it is to be hoped that the Government will not commit itself irrevocably to the scheme.

Within the narrow confines of three adjoining back yards, in Kowloon there are four ducks, three turkeys, a goose, fifteen chickens, seven cats, two dogs, a monkey and a tortoise.

Will accommodation be found for such pets in the Hotel?

The annual meeting of the K.C.C. Golf Section, will be held on January 7, 1920.

The King's Park range was kept busy all Saturday afternoon by practice for the forthcoming Hong Kong Rifle League Competitions. We understand that several competitors are complaining of the bad ammunition supplied.

The dance to be given by the Staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company next Tuesday fortnight promises to be a most successful function. "Jock," with his usual hospitality, is spreading invitations broadcast and all Kowloon will be there.

A "vignette" of Kowloon.—He came "over the top," one morning, quite unexpectedly. He did not see me at first and I remained quite still. I wanted to see what he would do. He advanced a few paces, stopped, looked sharply and nervously to right and left as if searching for something, hurriedly, and evidently wanted to get away as soon as possible. He looked hungry, so I very slowly and cautiously extended my hand to a crust of bread—the remains of my early morning meal. He was too quick for me, however, for he spotted my movement and hastily retired some distance then stood eying me, doubtfully. He must have been very hungry for he knew he was taking great risks. I threw the crust towards him and he turned and bolted out of sight. I somehow felt that he would come back so I continued in my tactics of silliness. I was right, for presently he again appeared, and after a moment's hesitation, cautiously advanced to the crust in short spasmodic runs. He was still very nervous but hunger evidently predominated over fear. Finally he made one last dash, secured the bread and bolted like the wind. He came again the next morning and the next and the same process was repeated, until at last he gained confidence and now he comes over the top of my verandah for that crust of bread every morning—does that little Kowloon sparrow.

#### REVIEW.

*Outlines of Chinese Art*, by John C. Ferguson. University of Chicago Press: Chicago, Ill. 263 + XI p.p. \$3.

Lectures do not always make a book, but these do, thanks to superior printing and numerous photographs. These were the Scammon lectures for 1918, and we are wondering how the students managed to remember the wealth of Chinese names and words employed. We are even wondering how they managed to get any coherent impression of Chinese Art as a whole, for the lecturer was fearfully "trudite." We get the impression that he was more enthusiastic than critical. In his introduction he tells us we must judge Chinese art by Chinese standards. "The explorer in this new world... must not carry the ready-made compass perfected by his own countrymen, for the divergent currents of wind and water will so distort its guiding needle that it will prove useless to him." Any compass affected by wind and water would be useless, which perhaps explains why on page 5 we are told that even the personality of the artist is entirely subservient to national ideals, while on page 26 we learn that each reproduction shows the individuality of the worker. Seriously, we rather object to the habit, common to many writers on Oriental art, of pulling the legs of those who know nothing about it. A bronze vase with an automatically evolved design is described as carrying an ogle, (*ao-tieh*) "warning the beholder against greed and gluttony." Symbol loving Chinese may have offered such an explanation *post facto*, but it is certain that no such design was in the mind of the originator as a "motive." A certain host faintly suggesting a nose called for eyes on each side of it, much as the circle of the sun drawn by young artists impels the features of a face. In Chinese art what Mr. Ferguson prefers to call "the continuity of the art spirit," we prefer to call conventionalism, and the "stabilizing of art motives" means nothing more. Art may be described as decadent (a matter of taste and standard) but the prime motive is like eating and breathing, eternal. Another thing the lecturer overlooked is that the collectors, even the Chinese, are more interested in age and rarity than in intrinsic beauty. One of the imperial catalogues (*Hsi ch'ing lu*) is specifically concerned with antiquity rather than with art. This veneration for ancient things and ancient ways has controlled Chinese aesthetics, and must be remembered in any really intelligent appreciation. Art is, after all, a universal thing, and certain universal qualities must be looked for and insisted upon, quite apart from national idiosyncrasies. There is cant among Chinese experts and connoisseurs as well as among ours, and we observe suggestions of it in the lecture on jade objects. Leaving bronzes and jades and ceramics and calligraphy to come to pictures and painting, about which we happen to be better informed, we find ourselves able to agree with much that the author says. Things have been said by other writers about Chinese painting, especially perspective, which were quite unjust. However, here again Mr. Ferguson is too rhapsodical. As an example there is his long account of the genesis and character of the well-known tiger picture of the Sung dynasty. The account of the way it was done is interesting enough. The description of it as a thing accomplished is ridiculous, when the picture itself is reproduced for reference. "The tiger is seen as about to spring on his prey." He isn't. He is seen just waking from a nap, only the front end having got up, the rest being still in bed. "His eyes are keen." They are much too large, they goggle. "Every muscle is tense." Not so. As already remarked, the rear half of the animal is flaccid. "His tail stretches sinuously beside his body in such a way as to insure the greatest assistance at the moment of use." Use for what? For springing? It is evident Mr. Ferguson has never seen a tiger springing or crouching for the spring. The tail would not then be "beside his body" but behind it; and we may add that it wouldn't be a mile too long. We recommend the lecturer to read Mark Twain's amusing comments in "Innocents Abroad," on those who gush about the Old Masters. He has their faults. Nevertheless, the book contains a wealth of interesting information, and deserves a place on the shelf (as a corrective) beside Prof. Giles' "Introduction to Chinese Pictorial Art." The price post free is \$3.20, which is much cheaper than we usually get such handsome books for out here. [Review by T. W.]

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#### SANITARY BOARD.

##### PRECAUTIONS AGAINST YELLOW FEVER.

At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday, Dr. Pearce, the Medical Officer of Health, moved that yellow fever be included in the list of notifiable diseases. He stated that his object was to make the Hongkong schedule more complete so that people who received from the Sanitary Board weekly or monthly reports of the number of cases of notifiable diseases might feel more assured than they did at present. Although yellow fever did not occur in this Colony, it must be borne in mind that the possibility of it occurring existed and should the disease be accidentally imported into the Colony, precautions should be taken that it could be notified early. Yellow fever was a disease with a high mortality rate and it was extremely important that the Sanitary Board should get early information of its outbreak or of its importation into the Colony. He was not anxious to create alarm on the subject, it was merely a precautionary and preventive measure. It was not anticipated that yellow fever was going to be imported into the Colony, but it must be borne in mind that it might be and that they had here the particular mosquito which carried the disease from one person to another.

Dr. Koch said he strongly seconded the remarks of the Medical Officer of Health. There was no need for fear, but considering the frequent communication between here and America, and particularly the Panama Canal zone, which at one time was a hotbed of yellow fever and stopped the construction of the canal until the sanitary authorities of America had cleansed the area, he considered it a very wise precaution. Although the disease had been subdued to a very large extent, there was the possibility of a stray case or two, coming into the Colony from that region and it was important that a disease of such virulence should be immediately communicated to the local authorities in order that steps might be taken to check it.

The motion was carried unanimously. The remainder of the business was formal.

#### POLICE PAY.

The determination on the part of the new recruits to the local Police Force to resign if their remuneration is not increased, appears to have brought the Government to its senses. As stated in the *China Mail* last week, the men were given up to Saturday last to decide whether they would return home or remain in the service at the original rate of pay and we now learn that 26 men signified their intention of resigning. To-day, however, it is stated on reliable authority that so far, no steps have been taken with regard to the decision of the men and that there is every reason to believe the Government has decided to reconsider the matter. Official information is refused, but we are of the opinion that if the Government does the right thing, the general public will regain a confidence which has undoubtedly been shaken by the original attitude and the point blank refusal to consider the matter. There is the point to be considered that if these 26 men return home they will not hesitate to make it known why they have resigned and in that case, it appears the Hongkong Government would have to face a serious difficulty in getting other men to enlist in the service and would have to increase the remuneration in any case.

#### A SHIPLOAD FROM SEATTLE.

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The steamship "West Segovia" will return to Seattle after a voyage from the Columbia river to the Orient on December 1. The "West Segovia" sailed from Shanghai for Kiochow, China, on October 26.

Douglas fir from Western Washington is now playing an important part in reconstructing the devastated lands of Belgium.

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In moving in the Federal Council on Nov. 25 that this Council resolves that, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a match-making industry in the F.M.S., it is expedient that an import duty be imposed on matches imported into the F.M.S. during a period of five years, the Chief Secretary said this resolution was brought forward in consequence of a promise given by His Excellency's predecessor, Sir Arthur Young, when a syndicate of gentlemen interested in the industry approached him. These gentlemen proposed to establish a match factory in this country, and they asked that in order to ensure the success of such an industry there should be, at the start at any rate, a tax on all imported matches. Ten years was the period suggested, but Sir Arthur Young thought five years, and promised that it should receive the consideration of the Council. What the syndicate particularly laid stress upon was that they had to purchase machinery at war prices, whilst similar industries were manufacturing with machinery purchased at pre-war prices. "It was simply protection, and he moved the resolution to ascertain the general feeling in the matter."

Mr. Harvey asked that the resolution be amended by the addition of the words "at the present rate" after the words "import duty." The present rate was \$60 a case.

Mr. Chode seconded the resolution. His Excellency accepted Mr. Harvey's amendment.

Mr. MacLachlan thought it was a policy that the Council ought to enter upon only with a great deal of circumspection. Cheap matches were not necessities, but they were the poor man's luxuries and he would be sorry to see them remain at the high price that they were to-day, still more so to see them higher. On the other hand he considered the industry one which might be successfully established here and the promoters were men who had shown, in connection with the coalfield, that they deserved to be supported. Therefore, he was prepared to offer his support to the resolution. But, being entirely ignorant of the manufacture of matches, he was not prepared to support the imposition of any fixed amount at the present moment. He had supported the imposition of the existing rate to assist the Empire in the prosecution of the war, but was not prepared to support the same rate for the benefit of individuals. Therefore, he thought it would be sufficient to support the Chief Secretary's resolution as proposed, to leave it to further investigation to see if \$60 or \$40 a case would be a suitable amount.

Mr. Bash asked if this resolution would bar the importation of British-made matches.

His Excellency replied that they would have to pay the duty. The resolution was agreed to as amended.

## WOMEN CLERGY.

EQUALITY WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

Miss Maude Royden was the chief speaker on the subject of women and the priesthood at a largely attended meeting called by the League of the Church Militant.

After expressing intense disappointment with the archbishops for not enabling the committee appointed to research into the position of women in the Church to make recommendations, and describing that committee's report as really antiquarian, Miss Royden said that Christ's teaching contained nothing special to women. All His teaching was addressed profoundly to the human spirit, recognising neither class nor sex. It might be said that everybody admitted that women were on a spiritual equality with men, but it had been added that this spiritual equality was perfectly compatible with a certain condition of subordination, that, in fact, men were made for God and woman for man. But to affirm that spiritual equality of men and women and then to exclude women from spiritual offices was not a principle of order but of disorder. Professing to accept a principle and not applying it was really not accepting it. As principles were perceived they should be embodied in our outward life and organisation.

The priesthood was above all a spiritual office. The vocation of the priesthood was a spiritual gift. If women and men were spiritually equal the Church would not be able in the end to refuse the demand for that principle to be embodied in its organisation. The unrest among the working classes was due more to their present status in society than to questions of wages and hours. In the same way women resented deeply the attitude of society against them.

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## PHASES OF THE SILVER QUESTION.

### AN AMERICAN SILVER EXPORT ASSOCIATION.

Silver producers in the United States have been discussing the advantages of forming a silver export association, under the Webb-Pomeroy Act, permitting the combination of producers and manufacturers in export trade. Senator Pittman, author of the war Act fixing the minimum price of silver in the United States at \$1.01 an ounce, is a strong advocate of such a plan, and he is reported to have expressed his belief that within a week of the formation of the proposed combination the price of silver will go to \$1.25 an ounce. On Wednesday it was \$1.19. In a recent interview the Senator said:—

The Government have melted down 300,000,000 silver dollars, which it has agreed to replace with American silver at \$1 an ounce. I do not believe the Government will ever have an opportunity to buy silver to replace those dollars at the figure set, and I doubt that the Treasury Department, if it should want to replace that \$300,000,000, would ever take that much silver out of circulation when not only the foreign countries but the United States itself requires so much silver coinage. Silver supplies are short. The production in the United States will be about the same this year as last. The nations of the world require much far beyond the supply. The production of gold is not up to the increased demand, and silver must share in rebuilding the world. The United States is trying to retain her gold reserve by paying off adverse trade balances in silver, and the future for silver is assured.

**GOLD DOWN—SILVER UP.**

The current issue of *The World's Work* contains a long article, by Fredk. A. Talbot, on the silver position in the course of which he writes:—

Silver is the metal of fortune. Fifty years ago it disputed with gold the right to recognition as the standard currency. Then Germany, intoxicated with success at arms, in conquest, and the harvesting of indemnities, plumped for gold as the royal metal. The effect of this startling decision sent the value of silver tumbling. The silver situation was aggravated from the tendency throughout the world to adopt the gold standard. One or two countries declined to go the whole way. Thus China declined to be embraced in the new movement, but then China, in the eyes of the civilised world, was regarded as a poor nation. In India the white metal retained the high appreciation it has always held. War brought the degradation of silver; war has likewise brought about its apothecosis. To-day the world is being ransacked from pole to pole for fresh silver supplies which are not forthcoming. The demand from the East has forced up the price to such a level as to render the English shilling a commercial product. Meantime gold has declined steadily in value. This retrogression is not due to the fact that the yellow metal has fallen in public estimation, but its price being fixed by law in this country, it has ceased to be regarded with the trading importance with which it was formerly invested. The actual market value of gold has not moved by a single penny. It is arbitrarily fixed.

Why has it become necessary to hunt the world for silver? Various causes have exercised an influence upon the situation. In the first place the practice among the Allies to pay the fighting men in silver naturally resulted in a huge demand, the disbursements under this heading being extremely heavy. This pressure happened to coincide with a steadily falling output, due to the withdrawal of labour for the fighting forces. Then the Chinese and Indian markets commenced to embark upon huge purchases. Both in India and China gold is regarded essentially as a commodity, whereas silver is the necessity, thereby completely reversing the situation as applied to the rest of the world. The result is that the world has to continue to exert itself wringing silver from the soil to feed the myriads of Eastern hoardings.

**WRONG METHOD OF INDIA OFFICE.**

Presiding at a rubber shareholder's meeting, Mr. F. A. Govett said:—

The method adopted by the India Office to me appears all wrong. The par value of the rupee is 1s. 4d., and the India Government goes on buying silver at steadily increasing prices, and instead of trying to relieve the position of silver by pouring in gold, which the creditor nations at times almost refuse to take, as they have too much, they offer a wholly insufficient premium for gold as compared with silver. The gold embargo in India was placed in order to prevent the hoarding of gold. Now it is of vital necessity that hoarding of silver should cease and that the price of silver should fall back. There is no longer now the same, or any, objection to the hoarding of gold, and it seems to me that the obvious course is to slip into India all the gold that can be raised. The result of that should be an arrest in the rise, and later a steady fall in the exchange value of the silver currency, the rupee. Without the embargo gold would have, at any rate, done something to lessen the demand for silver, and one factor in the situation would at least be mitigated. If not settled—that is to say, the hoarding of silver.

## MOTION FOR APPEAL.

Sitting in Full Court this morning, their Lordships, the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C., and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, heard a motion filed by Toong Yue, a ship owner of Shanghai, asking that the arbitration proceedings in connection with a case with the Castlefield Steamship Company be stayed pending an appeal.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, appeared for the plaintiff and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. H. Crew, represented the defendant.

The facts of the case are that judgment was given on August 25 last in favour of the Castlefield Steamship Company of Hongkong for damages against Toong Yue, a shipowner of Shanghai, in connection with an action brought on a charter party. The Court referred the amount of damages to arbitration. The defendant had since filed a notice of appeal which is due to be heard on January 6 and this morning the defendant moved for the stay of the arbitration proceedings until after the appeal had been heard.

The plaintiff's are asking for security for costs as defendant resides outside the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. Pollock intimated that he had a preliminary objection to take to the motion for security for costs, which he contended, should never have been filed. He explained the position of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings in the matter. Their legal principals, Messrs. Hansen and McNeill, in Shanghai were instructed by the defendant and they could do nothing here, except purely formal or trivial matters, without instructions from their principals. When Messrs. Hastings and Hastings were informed of this motion for security they wrote to the other side and put the whole position before them saying they could not commit the defendant to anything. They only got one day's notice of the motion.

Order for security of costs was made and the question of costs on the motion for stay was reserved. The motion for stay of arbitration proceedings was adjourned until to-morrow.

## RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

The British Consul at Nanking reports in the *Board of Trade Journal* that the Lungan Railway will shortly reach Skengchow. In Honan, where it will up a portion of the Yellow River, which is navigable as far as Yumen-kow, and also the Wei River to Sian-fa. This, it is expected, will increase the volume of goods flowing into the Hientsin-Pukow line, and the engineer-in-chief of the former railway has been visiting Nanking to see what can be done to relieve the congestion on the Pukow Railway, which, in turn, is causing a blockage on the Lungan line. It was explained to him that the congestion was not caused by any lack of shipping, but by the monopoly in the carriage of goods exercised by the transport companies, who insist that cargo coming down by the Hientsin-Pukow line shall go forward to Shanghai by railway and not by the river. The Shanghai-Nanking Railway is apparently quite unable, in addition to its own local trade, to act as the sole outlet for the stream of traffic coming down from the North. Goods are piling up in the godowns at Pukow and at other places along the line, whilst steamers are clearing from the port with hundreds of tons of vacant space.

The situation will, of course, become much aggravated by the construction of the Pukow-Sinyang Railway, which will form another tributary to the main stream. With the completion of that and other lines on the south bank of the Yangtze, Pukow must eventually become a port for ocean-going steamers, rivaling in importance Hankow and, possibly, Shanghai. Its progress is for the present, however, entirely blocked.

So far as we are concerned in the East, surely there must be some remedy for the hoarding, and it may perhaps be not impossible to convince the native that Government paper rupees are at least as good as silver currency, if not to hoard, but at present he insists on hoarding gold. The basic cause of this hoarding really seems to be that the old conception of the rupee as a measure of a weight of silver, silver being the real currency of the native, has outlasted these years of fixed exchange at 1s. 4d. The explanation of this fixed exchange having been successful for so long, thirty years or more, is that throughout this period the value of silver in the rupee was less than 1s. 4d., but with rising values, and directly the silver in the rupee was worth more than 1s. 4d., the hoarding at once began, and it looks as if the silver rupee might go out of circulation. When we may get free from this fearful penalty of the silver complication of the problem of the exchanges it is not possible to say; therefore we must face the position and do the best we can.

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## A NEW ANIMAL.

Here is the latest story of the Zoo: A little girl, who had spent her first day at the Zoo, was asked by her mother which animals she liked best. She replied:—

"Oh, the kangaroos, mother."

"You mean the kangaroos, darling?"

"No, I don't—I mean the kangaroos."

And then it dawned on the mother that the little one had preferred the cages labelled "Dangerous!"

Barnum once emptied his crowded circus, outside of which several hundreds were waiting for admission, by the adroit expedient of putting up a board with these alluring words:—

"This way to the Great Egress!"

And the crowd who went in search of this mythical monster soon found themselves out on the street.

## CHINESE BANK IN U.S.A.

The early establishment of the American Industrial Bank of China at New York with branches in Seattle, Vancouver, Montreal, and San Francisco, was announced by Hsu Yin Yuen, privy councillor of the Chinese cabinet and formerly president of the Bank of China on the eve of his departure from America for Peking. The bank will be capitalized at \$10,000,000 and shareholders will include both Americans and Chinese.

The prime object of the bank will be to improve trade relations and expedite business transactions between China and the United States. China requires many lines of manufactured goods from America and in return can export large quantities of raw materials to the United States and Canada. An era of industrial development awaits China, Mr. Yuen said, needing railways and American capitals and enterprise to institute it.

Accompanying Mr. Hsu Yin Yuen to China are G. L. Stone, head of the banking firm of Hayden and Stone of Boston; Albert H. Wiggen, chairman of the board of directors of the Chase National Bank of New York and E. B. Bruce, president of the Pacific Development Company. They will study financial, economic and industrial conditions and arrange a system of credit between China and America.

The Chinese government is contemplating the construction of 20,000 miles of railroads and is also planning on repairing roads and canals throughout the empire, the distinguished financier said. China's resources are ample protection for loans to develop the country. She has a thousand billion tons of iron alone and more than that quantity of coal.

## EFFECTS OF LARGE EXPLOSIONS.

At the recent meeting of the British Association at Bournemouth, professor Turner referred to the study, by the late Boris Galitzin, of the records of the explosion which occurred at Okhta, 8 miles north-east of Petrograd, on April 19, 1915. The shock was recorded both at Petrograd and at Pavlosk, and there were simultaneous barograph records indicating only a small change in air pressure, however, of 0.3 mm. As regards this feature Galitzin had pointed out that barographs, placed as usually in sheltered buildings for routine work, were not suitably mounted for recording sudden shocks. The chief point was, however, that the origin of the earth-quake wave was not distinct on the three records (N.S. and E.W. components, vertical component), whilst a second shock 70 seconds later was very distinct. Galitzin first thought of two explosions; but there was only one, and the closer study of the curves convinced Galitzin that the second violent disturbance was due to the air wave (a rarefaction wave, it proved to be) striking and shaking the hill on which the observatory stands, in spite of the fact already mentioned that the air pressure did not vary much. The curves which Professor Turner exhibited showed first the slight microseismic tremor, then the earthquake waves on which the tremor was superposed (the microseismic tremor, however, soon becoming less marked, however), and afterwards the second, far more violent shock ascribed to the air-wave. Such an effect, Professor Turner added, had also been observed by Mr. J. J. Shaw. On the curves which Mr. Shaw subsequently showed, the microseisms and the other features mentioned could be plainly distinguished. Mr. Shaw had taken these observations in a dug-out of his own near his house in West Bromwich, and he had made other experiments with two apparatus mounted 70 ft. apart, and later with a base of 2 miles; if a base of, say, 10 miles were available, he said, there should be a sufficient interval between the air-wave efforts to settle that question. We may perhaps add that in the terrible Halifax explosion of 1917 the seismographs also suggest three explosions when there was probably only one, but the two additional shocks were hardly air-wave effects.

Engineering.

## MY WEDDING DAY.

Though I am not, so far, even engaged to be married, I arrange my wedding, frequently, says a bride-to-be in the *Daily Mail*.

It is a way girls have.

We like to think that when our turn comes we will avoid the mistakes made by others at theirs. We look out for those mistakes, and say, "At my wedding I won't have this and that and the other, cataloguing the items that have not pleased us at our friends' marriages, and "I will have this and that and so forth."

Already I have been present at September weddings that have not been above criticism in some details but in others have merited praise.

For example, I am quite determined not to be followed by nursery children at my nuptials. Either they water one's train with their tears or they turn tail and depart long before their duties are done, or they insist upon being accompanied by some such pet as a Teddy Bear or doll.

Anyway, they are apt to be nuisances and to detract from the interest which should focus on the bride.

I shall choose, therefore, the old-fashioned retinue of girl friends.

On the other hand, I am full of admiration for the ante-luncheon wedding, revived by the royal bride. It used to flourish, I am told, in the days when marriages had to be solemnized before noon in order to be legal, but was spilt by the dreary speechifying that followed the feast of good things.

Give me a morning fixture for my wedding, then a "breakfast" shorn of speeches, and then a dance quite in the time honoured manner of very ancient days and recently revived, with me and my bridegroom slipping out after a while to take our flight towards the honeymoon.

I am determined to fly, literally, after my wedding, but not, of course, alone.

With respect to my wedding dress, it shall have a tremendously long train. Several of my girl friends who were married early this year ordered trains on the chance of evening Courts being revived at Buckingham Palace. And, though royal garden parties supervened, they found the trains immensely useful, capable of making almost a second gown. One must be practical as well as far seeing in these days, for, unfortunately, parents are apt to be a little parsimonious as to tulle and lace.

I am going to take a very firm line concerning my wedding presents. Foolish fripperies, such as my pre-war married sister still keeps stuffed in a cupboard unused, I cannot accept.

What I shall indicate when I make my list of "wants" will be such expensive necessities as kitchen chairs, pots and pans for cooking, and household linen; for I know my parents will gladly waive the old prerogatives, long in a wobbly condition, of stocking the bride's dowry with the latter.

Of cheques I cannot conscientiously approve. They are a modern method of shirking responsibility, and too often painfully inadequate to the demands of the recipient.

Because the hastily arranged weddings of wartime fostered forgetfulness upon the part of those who might have sent presents and did not, I shall, in consideration of the hardness of the times, revert to the old practice of sending out my invitations a month before the wedding. They will be proper invitations too, printed in silver upon rough-edged paper, not a mere "All friends will be welcome at the church" kind of wholesale bidding, but a befitting inauguration of an ideal wedding day.

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